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EXDIS FOR ALLEN WENDT

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SUBJECT: COMMON FUND NEGOTIATIONG CONFERENCE

1. YOU SHOULD TAKE THE FOLLOWING LINE IN RESPONSE TO THE G-77 DECISION TO CALL FOR A SUSPENSION OF THIS SESSION OF THE NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE:
 2. GROUP B SHOULD ACCEPT THE G-77 DECISION AND NOT ATTEMPT TO BARGAIN ON POINTS OF SUBSTANCE IN RETURN FOR A CONTINUATION OF THE SESSION;
 3. YOU SHOULD WORK FOR A GROUP B STATEMENT IN THE PLENARY WHICH (1) EMPHASIZES THAT WE HAVE MADE A CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL FOR A COMMON FUND; (2) NOTES THAT WHILE POINTS OF DIFFERENCE REMAIN, PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE; AND (3) STRESSES WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD AGREEMENT.
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IF GROUP B CANNOT AGREE ON A SATISFACTORY STATEMENT, YOU SHOULD MAKE A STATEMENT ALONG THE ABOVE LINES ON BEHALF OF THE U.S.

4. WE WANT TO MINIMIZE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE A PUBLIC CHARACTERIZATION OF THE SUSPENSION AS A BREAKOFF OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. WE ALSO WANT TO TRY TO ESTABLISH AN ALTERNATIVE

NEGOTIATING PROCESS IN WHICH WE CAN HOPEFULLY HAVE THE TYPE

OF SERIOUS BARGAINING WHICH IS NOT FEASIBLE IN THE GROUP-
TO-GROUP STRUCTURE OF THE FORMAL NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE.
FOR BOTH THESE REASONS, WE FAVOR THE CREATION OF A WORKING
GROUP OF KEY COUNTRIES, POSSIBLY CONVENED BY THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE CONFERENCE OR THE SECRETARY GENERAL, TASKED WITH
PREPARING THE GROUND FOR A RESUMPTION OF THE NEGOTIATING
CONFERENCE. WE ARE FLEXIBLE AS TO HOW THIS WORKING GROUP
IS ESTABLISHED PROCEDURALLY, BUT BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE
APPROPRIATELY DONE IN A CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING STATEMENT.
WE DO NOT WANT TO ENGAGE IN ANY NEGOTIATION OVER TERMS
OF REFERENCE FOR THE WORKING GROUP, WHICH UNDER THE CURRENT
CIRCUMSTANCES WE BELIEVE UNNECESSARY.

5. IF YOU BELIEVE IT USEFUL IN OBTAINING G-77 SUPPORT FOR
CREATION OF AN INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP, YOU CAN IN-
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SUCH A WORKING GROUP AS A FORUM IN WHICH BASIC AGREEMENT
ON THE OVERALL SHAPE AND KEY ELEMENTS OF A COMMON FUND
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